

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 30, 2004

FROM: JUNE GRIFFITH-COLLISON, Acting Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's (Medical Center) Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program's Mission Statement and authorize the Medical Center to sponsor CME programs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will ensure the Medical Center's CME Program is in compliance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) with regards to the approval of a mission statement by the Program's Governing Body.

As part of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) approval process, the Governing Body of the sponsoring healthcare entity must approve the CME Program's mission statement. This statement outlines what is expected of the organization with regard to its CME program and serves as a basis for an objective evaluation of the organization's ability to meet its mission. Without such a document, there may be misunderstandings as to the scope and nature of the educational activities undertaken. With an agreed upon mission statement, the CME Program can more easily seek needed support from its Governing Body to accomplish its required functions. In addition, the mission statement enables the CME Program to prioritize requests for participants, the organization and departments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by Medical Staff Executive Committee (Andre' Blaylock, MD, Chairman) on October 28, 2004 and County Administrative Office (Bea Valdez, Administrative Analyst, 388-0211) on November 17, 2004

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this will not result in any local cost to the County.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: June Griffith-Collison, Acting Director, ARMC, 580-6160

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ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Medical Staff of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center is committed to promoting a Continuing Medical Education Program, which supports, fosters and encourages comprehensive and cost-effective high quality care to the patients of ARMC and the community at large. Programs will provide the necessary educational component for medical staff re-licensing, credentialing, and academic re-appointment/re-certification. The purpose is to provide a process through which patient care assessment occurs, needs are identified, education is initiated, and change in practice occurs, which has the ultimate effect of providing optimum patient care.

Educational activities will support the individual practitioner with educational updates specifically related to the issues that arise in their current practice circumstances, from public health statistics, current research relative to their respective patient population, or new modalities, diagnosis or treatment. Activities will range from one-hour grand rounds to multi-day symposia. The educational methodologies considered will include interactive workshops, case presentations, didactic lectures, panel discussions and question and answer periods. This process will provide current knowledge regarding advances in Medicine, which is expected to modify attitude, knowledge base, and skill proficiency of attendees. It shall further modify process of care to ensure improved medical practice and optimum patient outcomes.

Our target audience consists of health care professionals at ARMC, primarily physicians, and at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Affiliated Health Centers. We will target education for all specialties and sub-specialties, which will be identified through the needs assessment process.